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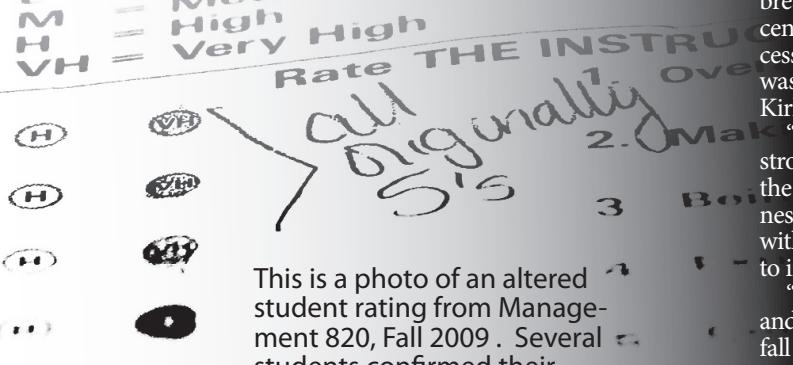
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Assessing character can be challenging. No one knows this better than Tom Wright, professor in management. Not only has character been the focus of his career, it is also what drove him to go public with a story he repeatedly mentions "will be the end of me here at K-State."

As a tenured professor in the department of management, his belief is not

necessarily true; he likely won't be fired or relocated to a small office in the basement of his building. But in his mind he might as well be.

"There has already been a consequential price paid by me and I will continue to be marginalized in any number of ways," Wright said. "It will be well worth the price I pay, if in some small way my positive actions influence just one of my students to persevere and do the right thing in the face of adversity."



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Tampered results

Wright opened an orange folder's clasp and pulled out a stack of memorandums and TEVALS, the student rating system he uses for his classes.

"If you look at numbers one through three you can see someone changed them," Wright said. "This is a violation of the honor code here. I feel victimized; I think my students have been victimized."

The TEVALS to which White referred were from his Fall 2009 night class. As Wright reviewed the original student ratings provided to him in January 2010, he found that multiple answers appeared to be altered. Each instance of a changed answer removed an above average ranking and replaced it with a less desirable one.

Wright contacted Vicki Clegg, director of K-State's Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, and coordinated a meeting between Clegg, himself and several students from the management night class.

"I have to conclude that a few of the student ratings on some student survey forms were indeed altered," Clegg wrote in a memorandum the same day as the Feb. 3 meeting she had with Wright. "There is no question that ratings appear to have been erased and replaced with lower values."

Clegg wrote that she was sure this breach had not occurred within the center, where student ratings are processed. Wright said he felt the matter was important enough to take directly to Kirk Schulz, K-State president.

"I had told the president that I had a strong suspicion that it emanated from the dean's office of the College of Business," Wright said. In the Feb. 23 meeting with Schulz, he said the president agreed to investigate the incident.

"He told me it could get very messy and nasty and asked if I was willing to fall on my sword," Wright said.

Wright also discussed the matter with Roger McHaney, the interim department head of management. Following their early March meeting, McHaney wrote in an e-mail that the changing of Wright's

TEVALS was "a most egregious act of academic dishonesty." McHaney also wrote he would conduct his own investigation.

Wright responded that Schulz was investigating the matter.

"It is what the president wants," Wright wrote in reply to McHaney's request for TEVALS and other information. "I very much appreciate his willingness to listen and investigate and will do everything I can to cooperate with his wishes/requests."

On March 9, McHaney informed Wright that the president's office was not conducting an investigation and he asked Wright for all the information he would need to conduct an in-house investigation.

Wright did not comply with the request. Instead, he waited to hear what had become of the investigation he thought was being conducted by Schulz at the next scheduled meeting with the president on March 30.

Student ratings

Currently, K-State has three different forms that students can use to rate instructors. There is a TEVAL form and two IDEA forms, a diagnostic or a short form.

At K-State, 85 percent of classes are rated with the TEVAL form while 15 percent use one of the IDEA forms, according to Clegg.

"My impression is that it's different feedback," said K-State provost April Mason. "I think there's room for both. I am struck by the overwhelming use of TEVAL."

Clegg said each form offers an instructor the ability to gain different feedback about their course. While departments have the ability to choose a form, some leave that choice to instructors to allow them to get specific feedback, Clegg said.

Instructors looking for feedback on a new course would typically use the IDEA survey while someone who has taught the same class for consecutive semesters might opt for the TEVAL or IDEA short form.

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Andy Warhol gallery hits Beach Museum

Exhibit showcases various types of work from pop culture artist

Michael Sellman
staff writer

If someone in the midwest wanted to see an Andy Warhol art exhibit, chances are they would have to fly to New York or, perhaps, San Francisco to see one. A collection of original Polaroid and black and white photographs taken by Warhol are now on display in the Beach Museum of Art on campus.

The photos were donated to the museum in 2008 by the Andy Warhol Foundation of New York as part of a gift of about 28,000 photographs that were donated to 200 U.S. institutions in celebration of the organization's 20th anniversary.

"The foundation distributed these photos taken by the artist in the '70s and '80s," there are about 30 photos on display from a collection of 100 Polaroid shots and 56 black and white shots, taken between 1971 and 1987.

As for the other pictures not displayed, Martha Scott, the museum's business and marketing manager, said those photos can be viewed by anyone if they make an appointment to come to their



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Fourth grade students from Marlatt Elementary inspect a case holding a Big Shot camera at the Andy Warhol exhibit at the Beach Museum.

study center.

"We're also digitizing the collection so they can be viewed on the museum's website," Scott said.

Andy Warhol, a pop culture artist famous for his images of commercial products like Campbell's Tomato Soup cans and Coca-Cola bottles, started his career as an artist in commercial advertisement in New

York. Golfer Jack Nicklaus, whom Warhol photographed in 1977, described him as a "freaky white-haired weirdo."

Warhol, who died in 1987, left 60,000 photographs in his estate. Scott said that he took photos primarily as a basis for prints or paintings, as a final product.

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K-State faces future loss of federal funds

University prepares for budget changes

Tiffany Roney
senior staff writer

K-State is about to see diminished financial support from the government.

Gov. Sam Brownback proposes to spend \$129 million more than the current year's budget for K-12 education. That may sound like an increase in funds, but when the expiration of the federal stim-

ulus is factored into the equation, schools still lose money.

This financial loss runs through the entire school system, from kindergartners to graduate students.

"We've been through a lot in the last couple of years, in terms of reducing budgets," said Bruce Shubert, vice president of finance and administration. "We can obviously use more money, but we also understand the state of the state."

While Shubert focused on how state funds filter down

from the state government to the university, Garry Sherrer, chairman of the Board of Regents, spoke of how K-State's micro-economy has a profound effect on Kansas as a whole.

"Our university is critical to the economy of Kansas – higher education is the driving force," Sherrer said. "The economy of Kansas can't move forward if we don't have well-trained people to build the jobs. Education and research is going on, but we have scrapped a lot of federal

grants. The more that government refuses to invest in our higher education, the more damage ultimately will be done to Kansas' economy."

Shubert said he is uncertain how the expiration of federal stimulus funds will affect the K-State 2025 initiative.

"We're in the process of just kind of starting and doing the thematic discussion about how to achieve progress in those goals," Shubert said.

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Civil rights activist speaks at MLK event



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Ruby Dee, author and actress, speaks at Fort Riley on Wednesday for the post's Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observance. Dee knew King personally and spoke of those experiences.

Justin Nutter
sports editor

takes place in Stratford, Conn. Her most recent work includes American Gangster, a 2007 film starring Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe.

Despite spending a good portion of her time appearing in various plays and films over the last half century, Dee and her husband, Ossie Davis, continued their roles in the civil rights movement and took part in some of the most historical rallies in civil rights history, including King's famous speech nearly 50 years ago.

"King's efforts led to the 1963 march on Washington, where he delivered his 'I Have A Dream' speech," said Reginald Lucas, the event's master of ceremonies. "Our honored guest speaker and her husband were both activists who participated in that historic march."

Those in attendance showed their appreciation for Dee's participation on multiple occasions, bursting into applause several times during her speech. Following her presentation, Dee received a final standing ovation from the crowd and was presented with a framed program by representatives from Fort Riley.

The ceremony also included a musical performance from Justin Black, the winner of the base's "Rising Star" competition. The ceremony ended with a food sampling.

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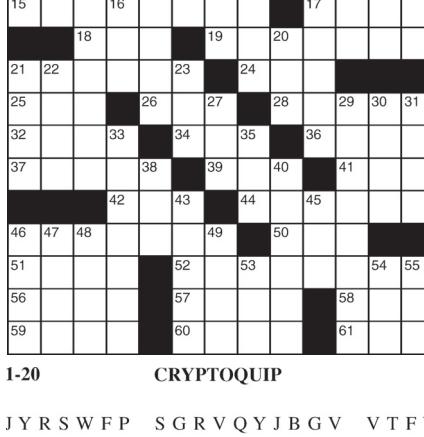
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Senators to be approved

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 senior staff writer

Student Senate resumes meeting this week after winter break. Items on the agenda are routine: allocations and new senator approvals.

An election will also be held to replace Pete Fey. Fey transferred away from K-State. The coordinator is responsible for introducing new senators to the legislative process.

For the senator approvals, there are vacancies in the College of Agriculture and College of Arts and Sciences as well as the graduate school.

Robert Enoch will be approved for the position in the College of Agriculture and Cydney Johnson will be filling the position in the College of Arts and Sciences. For the graduate senator position, Tanner Banion will serve as a senator.

They each held the next highest vote total in the last election within their prospective colleges.

Five allocations are in final action for the meeting, meaning this will be their second time on the senate floor and they will likely be voted on.

Groups receiving allocations include Americans for Informed Democracy, Children's and Adolescent Literature Community, Hispanic American Leadership Organization, Young Americans for Liberty and Sexual Health Awareness Peer Educators.

Senate meets at 7 p.m. in the Big 12 Room of the Student Union. The meeting is open to the public.

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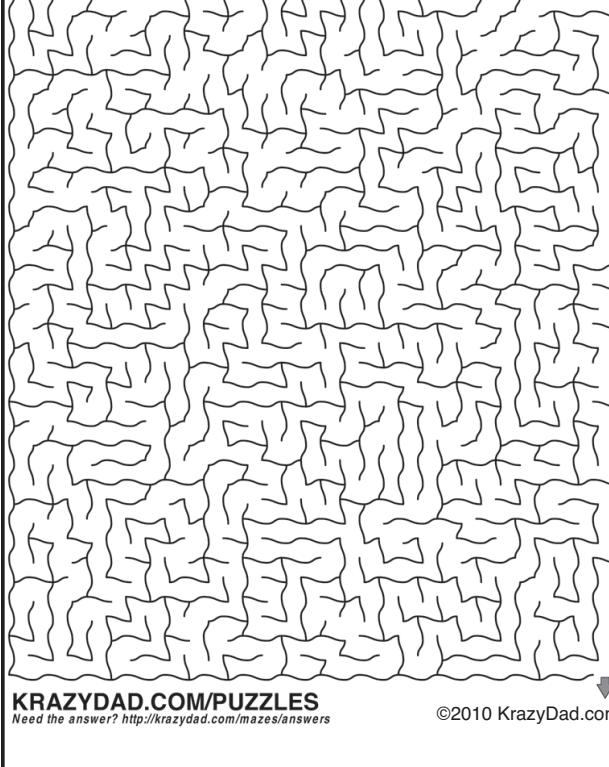
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BUZZER BEATERS



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Brittany Chambers, K-State guard, leaps toward the basket in the first half of the women's basketball game against the University of Missouri on Wednesday evening. Chambers had 2 points in the first half.

Wildcats, Tigers battle until end

Paul Harris

staff writer

K-State came in to Wednesday night's game against Missouri on a two-game losing streak. After heart-breaking losses on the road, some home cooking seemed to be the perfect ailment for the Wildcats. Senior guard RaeShara Brown did her best to spoil K-State.

Brown did everything but lead Missouri to a win over K-State. Brown scored 10 of the Tigers' first 12 points as Missouri got out to a 12-7 lead.

Brown bested her career mark of 27 points against Texas, when she led the Tigers to their second top-20 win of the season, and only conference win.

"She's one of the best guards in the Big 12," said Wildcats head coach Deb Patterson. "We're gonna learn a lot from watching film on her."

This contest was far different than last year's 37-33 defensive battle. K-State's junior forward Jalana Childs battled Brown in a one-on-one personal battle.

Childs ended the night with a career-high 21 points.

Childs hinted before the week that the offense was coming for K-State, but she may have been hinting at a coming-out party for herself.

"Feel like I have to do that

each and every game," Childs said. "I need to continue on to the next game."

Foul trouble limited the junior from scoring more. Childs picked up her fourth foul with 8:34 left in the game. The foul took the air out of Bramlage Coliseum and put a scare in to K-State's Patterson.

"I was bummed out," Patterson said. "We lost her on a scrum play on the offensive end."

But sophomore guard Taelor Karr hit a step back jumper to put K-State back up. Junior forward Alina Voronenko then took the keys to the offense. Voronenko scored four of her seven points to give the Wildcats a comfortable five-point lead.

This game is just the latest in the emergence of Voronenko, who is more than happy to step up for her team.

"Just gotta step up," Voronenko said. "Just keep shooting."

The Wildcats and Tigers battled till the final buzzer. Twenty-one points were scored in the final minute, 12 of which were scored by the Tigers, including a buzzer-beating 3-pointer heave by Brown.

Sophomore guard Brittany Chambers continued her shooting struggles. The Jordan, Minn., native scored just

two points on 1 of 10 shooting. Chambers also missed all seven of her free throw attempts.

Chambers compensated her cold shooting night by grabbing 10 rebounds. Chambers scored two points in the team's last game against Missouri.

Unlike Missouri, K-State had enough weapons to overcome Chamber's night. Only three other players scored for the Tigers. Senior forward Shakara Jones scored 13 points to keep Missouri in the game. Jones would eventually foul out of the game. The other forward, junior Christine Flores added 11 points. Flores injured her finger prior the game and was listed as day-to-day. Flores went 3-9 from the field. She scored five of her 11 points at the line.

"This was truly another team win," Patterson said. "It was so critical that everyone came into the game focused on making a positive difference."

Junior forward Bransha Brown did her best Childs impersonation by scoring 4 of K-State's last seven. Brown finished with 11 points.

This win makes K-State a perfect 9-0 at home and 2-2 in the conference.

"I'm really excited to get a victory here at home," Patterson said.

Wildcats ranked in top 40 poll

Sean Frye
staff writer

Although you wouldn't be able to tell from the snow outside, baseball season is upon us. Coming off of a record-setting year that saw the Wildcats make the NCAA regional tournament for the second consecutive season, the team was ranked 37th in the annual Collegiate Baseball Preseason Top 40 poll.

"It's a tribute to the kids that put us in this position," head coach Brad Hill said. "It's a nice little preseason accolade, but it doesn't mean a whole lot when the season starts."

Last season, Hill saw his seventh year of his tenure culminate in one of the most successful seasons in K-State baseball history. The team accomplished many feats, including beating the top ranked team in the country at home for the first time, the highest ranking ever in the Coaches Poll (16), and the school record for most consecutive weeks ranked in the Coaches Poll.

"You look at last year, and I think the questions that people had about our program were answered," Hill said. "We had a lot of doubters, we lost a lot of kids, lost A.J. Morris, a great pitcher, but we had a lot of guys who had their best years. Some kids that really nobody knew about came together and had an outstanding year."

With all the questions answered, and the doubters gone, the expectations for the team

this year are now set at an all-time high for the program.

"We want to continue what we've been doing the past couple of years," Hill said. "Obviously it's a long season, so we want to get off to a great start. We have some short and long-range goals. We want to finish higher in the Big 12 and make it past the regional."

One of the focal points of the team will be the play of reigning Big 12 Player of the Year, Nick Martini. Martini, who is a preseason All-American, started all 59 games for the Wildcats last year, the only returning player on the team to have that to his credit. He also put forth a .416 batting average and had four homeroons on the year.

"I expect Nick to do what he does," said Hill. "He's a very mature player, and he is almost self-coached. It's nice to not have to worry about him."

As for Martini himself, he wants to step into the role of a leader in order to advance his team even further into the postseason.

"Personally, I want to become a team leader and then try to take the next step past the Regionals," Martini said. "Hopefully on the field, I can just keep doing what I'm doing."

The season certainly won't be easy for the Wildcats. They travel during their first seven games of the season to escape the harsh winter weather that Manhattan can bring.

"We like to put our kids on

the road early. The team gets to know each other better and we can get some team unity," Hill said.

To start conference play, the team has six straight games on the road. Both 3-game series with the Texas Longhorns then the Baylor Bears.

"That's grueling," Hill said. "The scheduling is what it is. We want to go on the road and compete against two of the top half teams in the Big 12. It's a learning process, but we'll get to see whose the best early."

Another challenge the team will face will potentially be maturity. While the team is certainly not purely made up of freshman and sophomores, only two seniors are on the current roster.

"Baseball is a different animal because of the draft. We have Jason King and certain guys who were redshirted, so they've been in the program for four years. We have a lot of junior pitchers who will be expected to be leaders. We have great program guys, so I think we'll be fine," Hill said.

Two straight years in the NCAA Regional tournament have lit a fire underneath the baseball community at K-State. A team that has long been overshadowed by other mainstream sports on campus is finally garnering some well-deserved publicity, which has put the team in the spotlight.

Behind the leadership of Martini and Hill though, the Wildcats are expected to have another successful season.

Martini brings back bat, steps up as leader in new season

Sean Frye
staff writer

Following a season that included Big 12 Player of the Year and All-American honors, Wildcats' junior outfielder Nick Martini was named to the third team of the 11th annual Pro-Line Athletic National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association preseasong All-American team.

"It helps my confidence and everything," Martini said. "Overall though I just want to help to get the program on track."

Last year, Martini had a .416 batting average, which led the conference.

He also had four homeroons and started in all 59 games for the Wildcats. Behind his stellar play, the Wildcats advanced the NCAA Regional tournament for the second straight year.

"It was a really cool experience. There are so many good players in the conference, so it definitely is nice to win player of the year," Martini said. "As for the team, we were picked to finish in the bottom of the conference both years that I've been here, but we played really well. It shows how far we've come."

With the departure of some marquee players such as Adam Muenster, the only other Wild-

cat from last year to start in all 59 games, Martini will be looked to step up and take a leadership role.

"He's one of the most mature and competitive kids I've coached," head coach Brad Hill said. "He's a fierce competitor and I know he'll take care of business."

Despite only being a junior, Martini has already begun to command the respect of his teammates.

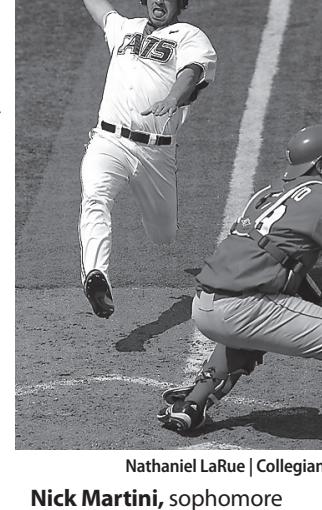
"Nick brings a lot to the field obviously," junior infielder Jason King said. "He's been on both teams that went to the postseason. Off the field, he's just as good. He keeps everybody loose. He's a tremendous leader, and he leads by example."

Another aspect of Martini's game that appeals to his teammates is his dedication to the game of baseball.

"He's a really hard worker," sophomore infielder Tanner Witt said. "He practically eats and sleeps the game, and he's just really dedicated to the team."

One obstacle for Martini may be the departure of hitting coach Andy Sawyers, who resigned last week.

"His departure definitely has an impact. Neither I, nor the team will use it as an excuse."



Nathaniel LaRue | Collegian

Nick Martini, sophomore center fielder, glides into home plate for a run during the sixth inning against Nebraska on Sunday afternoon. Martini scored one of K-State's six runs during the sixth inning, helping the Cats on to an 8-3 victory against the Cornhuskers.

Martini said, Sawyers has been the team's hitting coach during the team's only two years of postseason play.

Martini is certainly poised to have a big year, and will look to continue the newfound success of the baseball program.

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A breath of fresh winter air



Kelsey Castanon

Oh, the weather outside is frightful — time to take advantage. It's probable that we all will be crossing our fingers for a snow day in the upcoming months, and if that is ever the case, it is important to know what outdoor activities are to be had in Manhattan. Some cost more than others, but nonetheless each activity is a guaranteed good time.

If you are going to breathe in that fresh air, you must know going out in the chilly winter weather might require preparation, including a warm coat, gloves and snow boots. While it might seem strange for a Kansas resident to be without a winter coat or gloves, there is an easy fix: Walmart offers all the essential to keep you nice and bundled during these white, snowy days. Snow boots can be found at prices ranging from \$25 - \$40. Walmart also sells a KL Industries Utility

Sled for under \$30.

For those seeking the ultimate adrenaline rush, skiing and snowboarding are great ways to achieve it. If you are willing to drive seven to eight hours, Colorado is the perfect place to exercise your athletic ability in the mountains. Zach Lyman, junior in business and accounting, recommended skiing in the Rocky Mountains.

Colorado could be expensive, however. So for those who can't make the trip, Snow Creek, located in Weston, Miss., near downtown Kansas City, is a perfect alternative for getting a ski or snowboard fix.

At Snow Creek, you can also go tubing down the slopes. An all day session is \$40 without gear rental and could be a perfect daytime trip without breaking the bank.

The new ice skating rink in City Park is an easy and cheap way to satisfy your need for activity this winter. According to the Manhattan website, www.ci.manhattan.ks.us, it costs \$2 a person to skate and \$2 for a skate rental. The rink opens every day at 1 p.m. on weekends and 3 p.m. on weekdays and stays open until 7 p.m. or later. So lace up your skates, put on that winter coat and

head out to the rink for a little exercise.

With the many inches of snow already on the ground, knowing a few hills to sled down is essential. Sledding is also a free activity that requires a slight effort in finding a worthy hill. When looking for the perfect sledding location, keep these top hill destinations in mind.

Ben Yunk, junior in biology, and Lyman both suggested sledding down the hill in CiCo Park off Kimball Avenue.

Lyman said he is from Manhattan and always goes to that park whenever he goes sledding. "It has a pretty good hill," he said. "There's also another one at the country club."

In addition, the Kansas Geological Survey at the University of Kansas reported that the tallest hills in the state are located near the Kansas River, namely near Highway K-18 east of Manhattan.

For those who live dangerously, and think these hills just won't do, there's always the Manhattan hill. Major consequences may apply.

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10 simple ways to get along with your college professor

Kelsey Castanon
Edge editor

1. Always bring a notebook and pencil to class. Asking around for a writing utensil is not exactly the best way to get noticed. Who comes to class without a pencil?

2. Go to class. Difficult to do after that epic party last night, yes, but worth it in the end.

3. Take advantage of office hours. This shows the teacher you care about your grade.

4. If you don't want to participate, sit in the front of the class. Your professor will match your face with your name, especially if you're there every day.

5. Fight the urge to check that text in class. For some reason, teachers have a difficult time letting texting go. Maybe it's the perceived sneakiness of the act. Save yourself and put the phone down.

6. Your professors have probably heard every excuse in the book. If you were

absent, it's not the end of the world. Just make the assignment up or try harder on the next one.

7. Raise your hand. Talk. Participate. It doesn't matter if your questions make sense; it at least shows the professor you care enough to make an effort.

8. If you think something was graded poorly, give yourself a few minutes to cool down before a confrontation. Cursing at your professor on a is not highly recommended.

9. If you see your professor outside of class, say hi. He or she does not have the plague — and more than likely, won't bite.

10. Don't fall asleep in class. Enough said.

WEEKLY 10
Weekly 10 will take place of Results May Vary and will cover college culture to the local scene.

Open letter to provost

Dear April Mason,

I never skip class, ever. Well, at least not if I can help it, and it looks like many students might not be able to help it today due to the predicted 5" accumulation snow. I live rather far away from campus, and I would prefer not to have to risk life or limb in order to make it to school. Unfortunately many teachers who do not live as far away from campus as some of the students do, will not cancel class today because they believe knowledge is more powerful than snow, an illusion that we do not share, especially in the face of what looks an awful lot like a blizzard. So please, for our sake, we humbly request in the future when another situation arises that threatens our safety, you would prepare beforehand by canceling class and having the teachers post their notes on

the internet. Don't worry, we don't actually listen to the lectures, we just need the notes for the midterms. Besides our safety and comfort, there are several other benefits to this particular solution. Our state is in the middle of a gigantic budget crisis, and canceling class can only help alleviate the financial suffering. In fact I am sure our conservative governor will personally thank you for being so fiscally responsible. If that is not enough to persuade you, think of how many episodes of Scrubs you could watch if you didn't have to waste a day coming to campus, or recuperating in an emergency room due to all the bad college drivers who are even worse in inclement weather.

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WARHOL | Candid shots, portraits displayed

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"I hope people will get a better understanding of his working methods and how industrious he was as an artist," Seaton said. "I think people who grew up in the '80s or '70s will have some nostalgia there."

For his portrait shots, Warhol used a Polaroid Big Shot Camera, which was bulky, unreliable and had a fixed focal distance of about three feet. He often carried a mobile camera called a Minox 35mm El to social events for candid shots. He was also known for taking shots of still life.

When taking portrait shots, he would apply a thick coat of white makeup to his subject's face in order to smooth out imperfections revealed by the camera's flash. Women normally applied red lipstick for strong contrast.

"The first half of the exhibition has a lot of things he

shot for portrait commissions or projects he wanted to do," Seaton said. "He would be interested in a person and want to capture them and then make a series."

Some of his celebrity shots on display include a portrait of actress Margaret Hamilton, who played the Wicked Witch of the West in the 1939 MGM film, "The Wizard of Oz." Hamilton was a neighbor of Warhol and had agreed to pose for him in her witch costume for a portrait series Warhol was working on called "Myths."

A portrait shot of Bianca Jagger, human rights activist and former wife of Mick Jagger, is also on display. There's also a candid snapshot of actress Carrie Fisher—Princess Leia from "Star Wars."

"Anybody who pays attention to people like Paris Hilton or Lindsay Lohan would be interested," Seaton said. "Andy Warhol was a participant in

the creation of big celebrity figures of his era which led up to people like these. He wasn't a paparazzi figure, but he was like a paparazzi figure in some ways. His work gave rise and

closed Tuesday, the fourth graders from Marlatt Elementary had a private tour and for some of the children, this was their first look at Andy Warhol.

"It was really interesting how he took pictures of Coke bottles and people," said Max Lansdowne, 9. "That's not what we think about when we think of art. We think of landscapes and things like that."

"I liked the before and after pictures," said Betsy Dunaway, 10. "The after picture made the lady look younger."

The exhibit is scheduled to continue through April 3.

"I think it's just neat that we have these things," Scott said. "It's an opportunity to see something here in Manhattan that you wouldn't normally see here. You'd have to go to one of the coasts to see something like this. Here we are in the heart of the country and you can come right here and see it. You don't have to travel."

Though the museum was

was a part of the way celebs rise and fall. He was partly responsible for the way things happen now in glamorizing people. He was a driver in the trend."

Martha Scott, marketing manager Beach Museum

ed toward campus roof repairs, but none of those dollars made it into the revised allocations.

"Now that we've lost the federal stimulus money; we had been using federal stimulus money for maintenance projects, we really need to carry out some things that we had already agreed to," Sherrer said. "So, there're just a number of things that we need to at least discuss or come to a conclusion on what we're going to do."

As for now, Sherrer says the board is "just in the beginning" of that process.

Fred Stula, receptionist for the Office of Legislative Research said that the budget proposal must pass through the committee process before legislators can begin voting, which will most likely take place in March.

BUDGET | Board has to setup financial plan

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He said those discussions will take place later this spring and on into the summer.

Shubert said one-third of the funding was budgeted toward tuition mitigation, with the other two-thirds going toward building maintenance.

The 2010 federal stimulus funds that went to maintenance issues for K-State were allocated primarily toward power plant improvements and cooling pipe replacements, according to the Dec. 15-16, 2010 agenda for the Kansas Board of Regents, attached in an e-mail from Kip Peterson, director of government relations and communications for the Kansas Board of Regents.

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FRAUD | Officials: online ratings more secure

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"I would like the faculty member to decide," Clegg said, regarding the choice between classroom and electronic dissemination of the evaluations. "Close to 60 percent of those using TEVAL are using it online."

Clegg said the TEVAL is most common because it garners more information than the IDEA short form and has far fewer questions than the IDEA diagnostic form.

As the rating forms vary, so does the emphasis placed on them. Student ratings are handled at the department level and each K-State department head chooses how much emphasis will be placed on them in evaluating faculty members.

In the university's handbook, section C34.5 states: "Some student ratings systems are designed primarily to help faculty members improve their teaching... Other student ratings systems are designed primarily to aid in the comparative evaluation of faculty members within a department for the purposes of making personnel recommendations concerning annual merit salary, reappointment, tenure, and promotion. It is essential that each department's policies and procedures indicate the student rating system(s) to be employed for the latter purposes."

Time passed

When Schulz cancelled the follow-up meeting for late March, Wright said he rescheduled the meeting for April 29. At this meeting, Schulz brought in Mason, the university provost, and told her to conduct the investigation.

Wright said he left the meeting feeling less confident in the administration and he sensed that he was expected to simply forget about his concern.

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When comment was sought from Schulz K-State's communication and marketing department released a statement on behalf of the president stating: "This is a personnel matter and the university understands the sensitivities surrounding these issues. The university takes these claims very seriously."

The contradiction

While Wright left the April meeting understanding that Mason would investigate, Mason said she recalls the entire event transpiring differently.

"Vicki Clegg was contacted, the department head, the dean, myself and the president all asked to address this and we've not been given the materials to do so," Mason said. "Dr. Wright brought this to me and I asked if I could investigate it, but you can't investigate it if you don't have the materials."

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Thomas Wright
Management Professor

But in a Feb. 22 memorandum to Schulz the day before their initial meeting, Wright attached a copy of Clegg's investigation. He said he had given copies of the report to Schulz and Mason again when the three met in late April.

Cheryl May, associate vice president of communications and marketing, said the university has not conducted an investigation.

tigation because its administration was not given the original TEVALs. May declined to comment on whether the president and provost ever received copies of the investigation from Clegg.

And while Mason said investigating Wright's concern would be priority, she declined to comment on whether her office has made any effort to obtain the information she needed.

Wright said the materials have been shared with anyone who has asked to see them.

"I would have given April Mason any of the information she needed. I not only offered but pointedly asked them multiple times," Wright said. "I made reference to the TEVALS and neither her nor the president asked to see them."

Delivery options

Jeff Morris, vice president for communication and marketing, said the alteration of the TEVALs is not being questioned at this point and said focus should be placed on protecting the integrity of these evaluations so events like this cannot arise.

"Something like that would certainly not happen if you went online," Clegg said addressing the security of paper forms. At K-State only the TEVAL forms are currently used online, but the IDEA forms should be available online soon, she said.

Mason said some faculty stick to in-class ratings because they are concerned about getting less of a response rate by using the electronic evaluation.

However, the response rates at K-State are encouraging. Clegg said the paper response rate is about 80 percent and 75 percent of students respond online.

In e-mail correspondence, McHaney told Wright the management department recommends that evaluations are conducted online and noted that this would avoid a similar problem in the future.

Wright admits this situation might not have happened if he had used the online TEVAL system but said there should be changes to the collection and

handling of paper evaluations to make them more secure, particularly in night classes.

With the status of pending investigation turning, for now, into a he-said-she-said deadlock, one question has fallen by the wayside: Do student evaluations matter?

Near the end of every semester, students are asked to fill out evaluations of their courses and instructors with the understanding that they do.

"If people are having students fill out evaluations and then don't use them, we've missed the mark completely," Mason said. "We have to utilize the data we're getting. Why collect data if you're not going to use it?"

Kyle Reynolds, speaker of the student senate, said the student government has been working with faculty for about two years to make sure evaluations are as effective as possible.

"Faculty TEVALs are a way to make sure professors and departments are striving to teach better," Reynolds said. "We care more about that than tenure or longevity. In order to learn well at a university, you need to be taught well."

Looking ahead

Administration officials said they are not sure anything will come from investigating Wright's tampered TEVALs.

The situation Wright is seeking answers to occurred about a year ago and more than 30 people had access to the room the evaluations were stored in overnight.

At this point, Wright said he brought the situation to light because he felt the need to "walk the walk." He said with each day and each class that passed he felt that by remaining quiet and letting the administration ignore the situation, he was condoning it.

"Trying to impart on young people to be people of character, but when push comes to shove, because this is going to negatively impact me, I don't do anything about it. How does that make me look?"

PROFESSOR WRIGHT'S SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Jan. 21** - Picked up TEVALs, upon review found inconsistencies.
- Feb. 3** - Met with Clegg and six students from the management 820 class. Several students identify their TEVALs and agree the scores were changed. Clegg drafts a memo verifying events from the meeting.
- Feb. 4** - Met with President Kirk Schulz cancelled by his office.
- Feb. 23** - Met with Schulz. Wright, hand-delivered a memorandum requesting investigation and attached Clegg's write-up from the Feb. 3 meeting. Schulz said he would investigate the matter and asked if Wright was "will-ing to fall on his sword."
- Mar. 9** - McHaney informed Wright the president's office was not conducting an investigation and the management office would follow up. Wright questioned whether McHaney could be objective and said he wanted to wait until he spoke with Schulz.
- Mar. 19** - McHaney concludes his departmental investigation citing Wright's "refusal to provide requested relevant documentation."
- Apr. 29** - Met with Schulz and Provost April Mason. Handed Clegg's investigation to Schulz and Mason. Schulz told Wright that Mason would handle the investigation.
- Nov. 11** - Wright sends a memorandum to McHaney asking why an investigation has not been launched by the president, provost or the dean's office. "A transparent investigation is necessary to make sure this doesn't happen again," Wright wrote.

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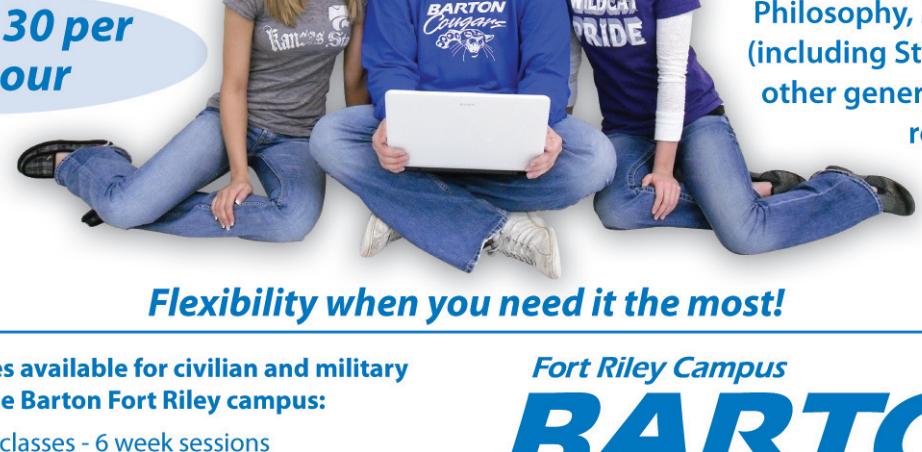
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Farmers Coop Elevator Nickerson	USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
Farmers Cooperative Company	USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)
Farmland Foods	USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)
Frito-Lay	USDA NRCS Kansas
Great Plains Manufacturing Inc/ Land Pride	Viterra/Dakota Growers Pasta Company
Hemisphere GPS	Walco International Inc
Hormel Foods Corporation	Water Street Solutions
Hy-Vee Inc	Western State Bank
Indiana Packers Corporation (IPC)	
Innovative Livestock Services Inc	

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